



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Lisa Coons, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2120
RICHMOND, VA 23218-2120

Office: (804) 225-2057
Fax: (804) 371-2099

Early Childhood Advisory Committee May 29, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Draft Minutes

Roll

Participating virtually

Cecilia Suarez (Alexandria)
Clark Andrs (Chester)
Cheryl Morman (Chesterfield)
Tina Alsop (Henrico)
Shikee Franklin (Emporia)
Malinda Langford (Fairfax)
Darrell Turner (Richmond)
Vivien McMahan (Norfolk)
Michelle Howard (Washington, DC)
Maryam Sharifian (Charlottesville)
Bweikia Foster Steen (Fairfax)
Wendy Lipscomb (Powhatan)
Holly McCartney (Harrisonburg)
Angela Wirt (Amelia)
Jennifer Parish (Hampton)
Bergen Nelson (joined at ~12:20 PM, Richmond)

Absent

Christen Johnson
Gina Wohlford
Sandra Wilberger

- | | | |
|------|--|---------------------|
| I. | Full Advisory Board Convenes | 11:00 AM |
| - | Approval of March 2024 minutes | |
| • | Motion to approve: Malinda Langford | |
| • | Motion to second: Darrell Turner | |
| • | In favor: unanimous | |
| • | Opposed: none | |
| • | The motion carries | |
| II. | Update: Virginia's Preschool Development Grant
Jenna Conway, VDOE | 11:09 AM |
| III. | Update: Virginia's 2025-2027 CCDF State Plan Draft
Jenna Conway, VDOE | 11:17 AM |
| IV. | Presentation: Draft Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers
Jenna Conway, VDOE | 12:15PM |
| | <i>Note: Includes a brief break</i> | 12:33 PM
(break) |

Below is a transcript from the Zoom chat that was not visible during the livestream.

12:38 PM
(resume)

Question from H. McCartney: I'd like to talk more about the liquid soap change I'm having trouble documenting the reasoning behind the change.

VDOE response: Standards were revised in general based on updated industry practice, health and safety standards, and expert opinions from agency partners and child care practitioners. The intent of handwashing standards is to ensure infection control. Standards are aligned with national standards for handwashing and are closely aligned with Caring for Our Children.

Question from H. McCartney: Yes I've read through those links but will there be any accommodations allowed for children who might need to use bar soap if there is not any wiggle room here? Thanks

VDOE response: The standards allow for special accommodations that are documented in the child's record (8VAC20-781-50 B.5). However, if the center would like to request that bar soap be used throughout the program, an allowable variance may be requested.

Comment from H. McCartney: I would like to suggest that bar or liquid soap be allowed based on the National Institutes of Health link here:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2249330/>

I realize this is an older document. Perhaps there is more recent research available. There is also possible contamination from refillable containers as evidenced in this 2011 article.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21421792/>

VDOE comment: For clarification, curriculum training and CLASS training falls under 'child development'.

Question from B. Nelson: Would child's development and needs be inclusive enough?

VDOE comment: Regarding infant equipment-current standards do not provide a time limit for the use of restrictive infant equipment. The revised standard increases the health and safety of infants by adding a limit to the time infants may be in restrictive equipment.

Comment from B. Nelson: Where "Development" includes social and emotional development

- Motion to endorse Draft Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers
 - Motion to approve: Jennifer Parish
 - Motion to second: Darrell Turner
 - In favor: unanimous
 - Opposed: none
 - The motion carries

V. Review of Public Comment

1:56 PM

VI. Adjournment

2:03 PM

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM

Next meeting date: September 12, 2024